

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/698,001  
Filing Date: October 30, 2003  
Applicants: Hidenori Usuda  
Group Art Unit: 2861  
Examiner: Shelby Lee Fidler  
Title: DROPLET DISCHARGING APPARATUS AND METHOD,  
FILM MANUFACTURING APPARATUS AND METHOD,  
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD, AND  
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT  
Attorney Docket: 9319S-000575

---

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 20, 2008, Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-6, 8-13 and 37-39), with traverse.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider the restriction requirement since all groups of claims are sufficiently related to each other that an undue burden would not be placed upon the Examiner by maintaining all groups in a single application. MPEP § 803

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 2, 2008

By: /G. Gregory Schivley/  
G. Gregory Schivley  
Reg. No. 27,382

HARNESS, DICKEY & PIERCE, P.L.C.  
P.O. Box 828  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48303  
(248) 641-1600  
GGS/msm